

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-61 (Canceled).

Claim 62 (New): A tandem image forming device comprising:

a plurality of image forming sections arranged side by side and each comprising a developing device and a cleaning device arranged around an image carrier; and

one of nearby ones of said plurality of image forming sections having said cleaning device thereof positioned above said developing device of other image forming sections.

Claim 63 (New): A method of arranging a plurality of image forming sections, each of which comprises a developing device and a cleaning device arranged around an image carrier, comprising:

arranging the plurality of image forming sections side by side in a tandem image forming device; and

positioning the cleaning device above the developing device of other image forming sections in one of nearby ones of said plurality of image forming sections.